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GOV. EASLEY AWARDS \$1.7 MILLION IN CDBG FUNDS TO AID THREE COMMUNITIES

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that \$1.7 million in North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for neighborhood improvements will be awarded to Northampton County and the towns of Littleton and Statesville. The money will be used to make street and sidewalk improvements and to connect 138 homes in these communities to public water and sewer systems.

“These funds help us to improve the economic well being and quality of life for all North Carolinians,” Easley said. “Our community development program enables communities to build a system of high quality infrastructure that encourages economic development opportunities for all our citizens.”

In this latest round of awards, Northampton County, a 21st Century Community, received \$750,000 in CDBG infrastructure funds. The funds will be used to extend public sewer services to 27 homes to eliminate 27 failing or failed septic tanks. The 21st Century program is a collaboration between member counties and the N.C. Department of Commerce to restore and retain economic vitality in areas hardest hit by global market changes.

The Town of Littleton received \$722,000 in CDBG infrastructure funds to construct a sewer collection system for 89 homes with failed or failing septic tanks and the City of Statesville received a \$250,000 housing development grant to assist a private contractor who is building 22 single-family homes in a city subdivision. Seventy percent of the homes in this subdivision will benefit low and moderate-income families.

Small Cities CDBG funding is allocated to the state from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for community improvements in low to moderate-income areas. The N.C. Department of Commerce’s Division of Community Assistance administers the program.

Communities seeking more information about the CDBG award program, can visit the Department of Commerce’s Division of Community Assistance on the web at www.ncdca.org.

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